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Man disappears on fishing jaunt

GATINEAU Police divers and canines continued their search yesterday for a Gatineau man who went missing on the weekend while fishing.

A friend reported 49-year-old Donald Pelletier of Gatineau missing from Lac-des-Feeson on Saturday evening. The man had left Pelletier and returned the next day to find Pelletier gone, but all of his fishing gear remaining.

Donald Pelletier

Gatineau police and firefighters, joined by Sûreté du Québec divers and police dogs, began a search of the lake on the weekend, but found nothing. While police do not believe the man is deceased, they are exploring every possibility, Gatineau Police Constable Isabelle Poirier said.

Pelletier, a Gatineau resident, is described as a white male, 5'3" tall with a thin build, blond hair and blue eyes. He was wearing a red poncho at the time of his disappearance.

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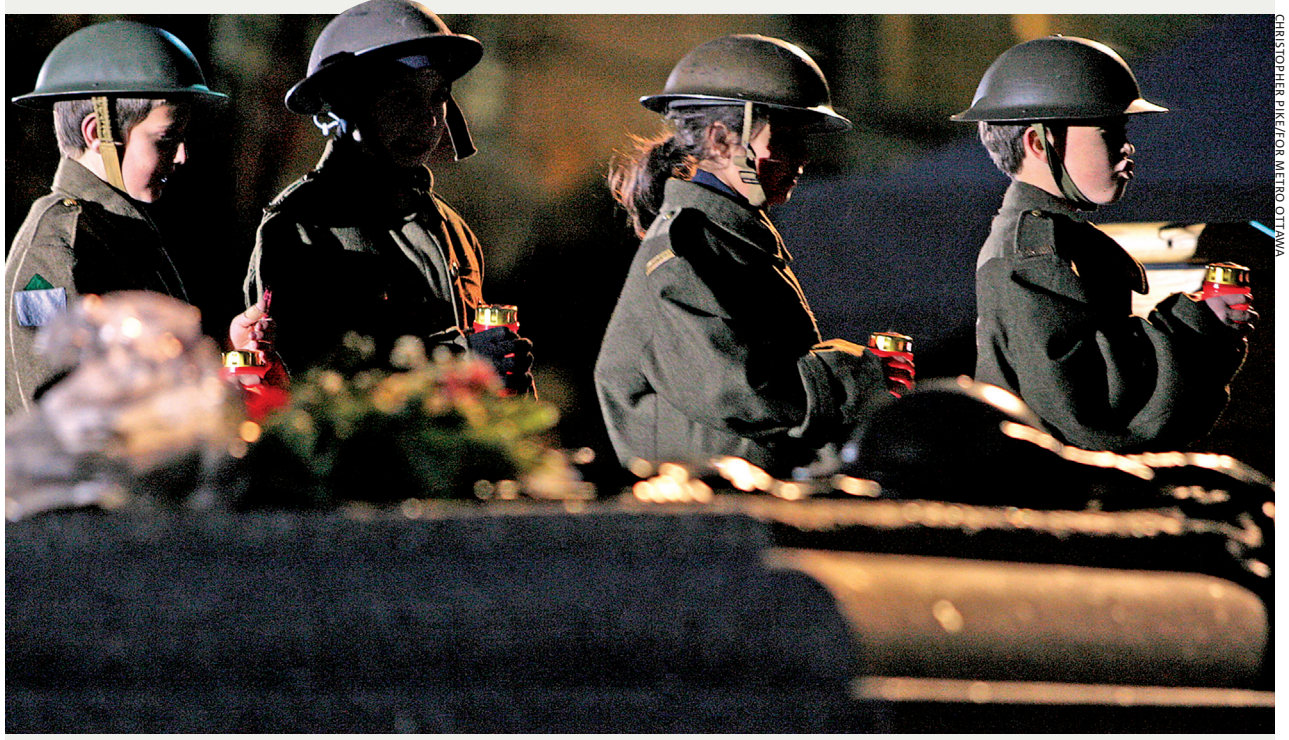

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Children dressed in period clothing place candles near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier last night during a wreath-laying ceremony to mark the final evening of a vigil held this week at the National War Memorial. National Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Ottawa monument begin this morning.

South end sore that LRT remains so far distant

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Ottawa missed a golden opportunity to build a transit-friendly community in its south end by delaying the arrival of light rail there, area councillors charged yesterday.

South-end councillors were smarting yesterday to learn that construction on a rail line to the growing Riverside South area would likely not start for another decade, and warned that congestion could actually grow as a result.

"It makes a lot of sense to bring transit into these communities at the front end, so that we build a transit community, where residents buy one car instead of two cars," said Steve Desrochers (Gloucester-South Nepean).

"We don't have a Transitway. We don't even have a dogsled going into the community for transit. We need to have something because the growth in that community is going to continue," he said.

Gloucester-Southgate councillor Diane Deans said the move away from a north-south line represents a change in approach to LRT.

"We used to talk about an uplift in ridership and a change in the modal split … but we're hearing now about diverting current riders and improving costs. Are we actually expecting a net decrease in ridership or just holding the line?"

Riverside South had initially been proposed for the first phase of the Rapid Transit Network, but a staff report yesterday recommended implementation there in the third stage of the first phase.

Mayor Larry O'Brien said a southern line lacked the potential for increased ridership.

"One of the reasons why we moved away from the north-south LRT is because the incremental numbers of people riding that system will be measured in hundreds of people as opposed to thousands of people," he said.

IMAGE COURTESY CITY OF OTTAWA

The initial, $1.7-billion phase of Ottawa's Rapid Transit Network (in red) includes a downtown subway with light rail tracks running between Tunney's Pasture and Blair station.

The plan would have had its critics regardless of the outcome. Councillor Marianne Wilkinson (Kanata North) had previously promised a council "war" if the west-end had been left out of the first phase. Yesterday, Wilkinson said she could live with the present plan.

"It's a plan that takes a look at the needs of the city of Ottawa as a whole," she said. "There is very little in the first stages in this for Kanata, but in the long run it will be better."

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Harper mulls auto bailout at summit

MEETING Prime Minister Stephen Harper is considering "options" to bail out the battered automotive sector, considered the engine of Ontario's economy.

With an eye on the massive rescue package offered by Washington for General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, Harper said that Ottawa would be looking at "all possibilities," but fell short of promising concrete action.

"I think we are all aware of the deep problems of some of the major companies in the auto sector," Harper said yesterday after meeting with premiers to discuss the nation's economic woes.

Stephen Harper

Following a meeting described as "cordial" and "cooperative," the politicians emerged promising action to speed up billions in infrastructure spending, and to look at easing rules for individual and corporate pensions in the face of the market meltdown.

"We all agreed that we should see infrastructure spending accelerated," Harper said. "This will help support general economic activity. I'm very confident that that is going to occur over the next year."

He said the money should be targeted for projects that will provide short-term economic stimulus.

Harper also sounded open to changes to ease the impact of sagging stock markets on seniors' retirement savings and corporate pension funds.

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty expressed confidence that help is on the way for the auto sector.

"There was a lot of goodwill around the table. The Prime Minister was in a genuine listening mode. There was a full, frank, and calm exchange," he said.

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Crews deck the Hill for the holidays

All day tomorrow, crews will be working to install more than 20,000 blue, green, red, gold and clear LED lights on Parliament Hill to prepare for the National Capital Commission's Christmas Lights Across Canada program. From Dec. 4 to Jan. 7, 200,000 lights will illuminate 70 landmark sites in the capital. **NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION**

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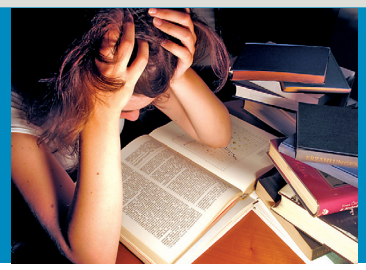

City's studies pay off

Two Ottawa universities have ranked in the top 10 of the country's schools. Carleton University has held its seventh place position in Maclean's magazine's annual comprehensive university rankings, while the University of Ottawa ended 10th in the medical and doctoral university rankings, a report released online yesterday said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

East-west first for new LRT plan

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IMAGE COURTESY CITY OF OTTAWA

An artist's rendering shows how the Westboro Transitway station would appear after its future conversion to light rail.

An "optimistic" estimate for when a light rail tunnel through downtown Ottawa will be completed is 2017, and when it's done, it will be running between Tunney's Pasture and Blair station.

City staff yesterday recommended constructing the first phase of Ottawa's multibillion-dollar rapid transit plan in three parts, including an initial $1.7-billion stage that includes the subway tunnel, east-west rail from Tunney's Pasture to Blair station, a maintenance facility, and several bus sections.

The next $900-million increment would complete LRT within the Greenbelt, which requires twinning the O-Train and adding tracks between Baseline and Tunney's Pasture. The final increment would cost $400 million to bring rail south to the Riverside Town Centre. The plan includes $2.5 billion for 40 kilometres of new LRT track and trains, and $500 million for buses and Transitway extensions.

City manager Kent Kirkpatrick predicted it would still be a decade before a train running through a tunnel is operational.

"You're probably looking at 2017 before people are riding that train from Blair station through the tunnel to Tunney's, and that is … optimistic," he said.

Major factors influencing the schedule are design studies and environmental assessments, securing government funding and beginning a bidding process, said Vivi Chi, the city manager of transportation and infrastructure planning.

In the meantime, deputy city manager Nancy Schepers said the improvements to bus rapid transit routes would likely begin in 2009.

Overall value for riders, addressing downtown congestion and providing "a realistic investment package" were criteria for determining the rail should first run east-west. The business case wasn't strong enough to include a north-south line at first, she said.

Transit plan comes with overrun risk

The memory of Ottawa's last-minute cancellation of its previous light rail plan could drive up costs when companies bid on the new transit plan, a risk consultant warned yesterday.

Brian Bourns, a KPMG consultant, warned of a 50 per cent chance that the new Rapid Transit Plan could be 10 per cent more expensive than estimated because "the outcome of the last LRT debate is … in fact used as a basis" in preparing the technical risk evaluation.

Wary bidders could result in higher cost estimates from less competition. In addition, several major projects underway across North America could draw interest away from Ottawa's project.

Perhaps the biggest challenge early on will be in securing sufficient federal and provincial government funding, Bourns said.

"You need to be in touch with elected officials at the provincial and federal level and with the ministries to ensure they understand what has changed between last time and this time."

Further, if the National Capital Commission does not allow LRT on its parkway, the cost of the western route could double. And there are three faults below ground that could present problems for the downtown tunnel. **TIM WIECLAWSKI / METRO OTTAWA**

Hit from new Nortel cuts could hurt more this time

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Another round of layoffs at Nortel Networks could have more serious after-effects for Ottawans than the tech bust of 2000, an expert at Carleton University said yesterday.

Although the 1,300 layoffs announced globally are smaller in numbers, "it's more serious because of the global context in which it's happening," said Dr. Edward Jackson, an associate dean in the Faculty of Public Affairs.

"It's fewer people, but the tech sector is smaller now than it was. When you have a good job in a tech firm or manufacturing firm, you also have other jobs in the community that are multiplied because of that job. There's a ripple effect."

In a business update yesterday, the company announced a $3.41 billion quarterly loss and revealed it would lay off 1,300 workers and extend a current hiring freeze.

The company is "not providing a regional breakdown" of job losses, but Ottawa-based spokeswoman Karen Monaghan said, "there will be employees impacted locally.

"They're still working through the details, but leaders across the company are speaking to employees this week and employees are being informed of the new structure."

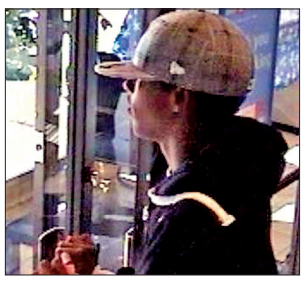
Still, "Ottawa is the heart of Nortel's R and D engine" and will continue as such, she said.

A quarter of the 1,300 cuts will be made within the next two months, with the remainder to follow in 2009.

Area employer

- Nortel currently employs 4,200 people in Ottawa and 30,000 people worldwide.
- The telecommunications equipment manufacturing company had announced 2,100 job cuts earlier in the year.

Kilborn Avenue suspects



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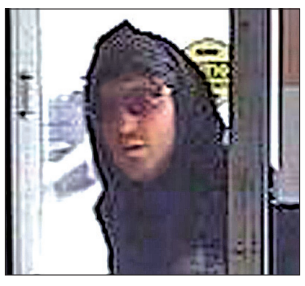

Strandherd Drive suspect

Rash of robberies recorded

THEFT Ottawa Police yesterday released several images of the suspects in separate bank robberies.

In all three robberies, the suspects presented a note to a teller demanding money and left with an undisclosed amount of cash. No weapon was seen.

In the latest incident on Friday, two males entered the TD Canada Trust on Kilborn Avenue at 3 p.m. and fled with cash. Both suspects are English-speaking black males between 18 and 22 years old, about five-foot-nine with thin builds and thin moustaches.

In a separate incident at 11:22 a.m. on Oct. 24, a man entered the Bank of Montreal on Richmond Road. The black male suspect is described as 18 to 24 years old, about six feet tall with a slim build, short black hair and no facial hair.

The third incident occurred at 9:25 a.m. on Oct. 18, at the Bank of Nova Scotia on Strandherd Drive. The suspect is a white male, 23 to 33 years old, about six feet tall with light brown or blonde facial stubble.

Call the robbery section at 613-236-1222 ext. 5447 with information. **TRACEY TONG / METRO OTTAWA**

News in brief

HOUSING Continued demand and higher material prices increased the cost of buying a house in Ottawa last month, according to Statistics Canada. The New Housing Price Index report shows Ottawa's average increase of 4.3 per cent is double the national increase of 2.1 per cent from September 2007 to September 2008, but the capital is still at the middle of the pack. Regina and St. John's saw the highest year-over-year increases at 22.7 per cent, while Edmonton and Calgary marked declines. "Generally speaking, Ottawa builders still feel the market is favourable to them," said survey analyst Albert Near. "(The) market conditions allow them to pass along some of the increased costs." **TRACEY TONG / METRO OTTAWA**

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Inappropriate interview questions prompt review
The Halifax Regional Municipality is reviewing it's use of lie detectors to screen applicants for certain jobs after complaints from critics said questions asked of potential employees included having thoughts of suicide or sex with animals, CBC News Online reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Canada

Court overturns billboard bylaw

In a 3-0 ruling yesterday, the Ontario Court of Appeal found much of a controversial anti-billboard bylaw passed by Oakville town council in 2005 was an unreasonable "intrusion" on the right to freedom of expression. The bylaw relegated billboards to what the court described as "tiny pockets" within the municipality. The decision takes effect in six months, which gives the town time to seek a further appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Harper denies trade for freed journalist

Canadian and Afghan officials denied yesterday that any jailed Taliban leaders were released in exchange for a Canadian journalist freed after being held hostage for a month in Afghanistan.

A Pakistan newspaper reported two Taliban leaders being held in Afghanistan on terrorism charges were let go in return for the safe release of Canadian Broadcasting Corp reporter Mellissa Fung, who was freed Saturday.

"That is not correct," Prime Minister Stephen Harper told reporters in Ottawa.

Afghanistan's embassy in Ottawa also denied the report, saying Fung was freed "after four weeks of intensive efforts which culminated in a raid by Afghan forces" on the compound where she was being held captive.

The governments also denied any cash ransom was paid for Fung, who was abducted Oct. 12, by armed men at a United Nations refugee camp on the outskirts of Kabul.

"The Afghan government has not closed the case yet, as Afghan security institutions continue to pursue the kidnappers in order to determine the identity of the main culprits and the motivations behind it," the embassy said in a statement.

Mellissa Fung

The CBC says Fung's kidnappers were likely criminals rather than members of the Taliban, but Canada's Globe and Mail newspaper quoted Taliban sources yesterday as saying a violent tug-of-war for Fung erupted between insurgents and the criminals after she was taken hostage. **REUTERS**

News in brief

TRAINS Ontario and Quebec say Ottawa should back a multi-billion dollar high-speed train link from Windsor to Quebec City to create jobs for a country struggling with hard economic times. Premiers Dalton McGuinty and Jean Charest raised the project with Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who said he would wait to see the results of a latest study to be commissioned.

TV Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore's do-it-yourself Current TV is coming to Canada. The Canadian Broadcasting Corp. and Current Media plan to launch Current Canada as a cross-platform channel with TV and Web programming partly produced by young Canadians, the companies announced yesterday. Current Canada will operate as both a website and a digital cable channel should the CBC be successful with a current license application before TV regulators.

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Degree **Honouring a life's work**

ANDY CLARK/REUTERS

Canadian photojournalist Ted Grant waits to receive an honourary doctor of laws degree during ceremonies at the University of Victoria in B.C. Grant received the honour for his 55 years of work and teaching in the medium.

Minister reaffirms Afghanistan deadline

MILITARY Canadian Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon said Sunday a stepped-up emphasis by President-elect Barack Obama on fighting terrorism in Afghanistan won't change Canada's plans to pull its military out of that country in 2011.

"While we welcome of course the Americans' renewed interest in Afghanistan, particularly President-elect Obama's position during the campaign … the U.S. position will not change Canada's position as defined in our parliamentary resolution," Cannon said in an interview with CTV.

"We will be pulling out our military forces in 2011 and that is quite clear."

Canada has about 2,500 troops deployed in Afghanistan, mostly in the southern province of Kandahar.

Since the Afghan deployment began in 2002, 97 members of the Canadian Forces have been reported killed there.

> **"We will be pulling out our military forces in 2011 and that is quite clear."**
> Lawrence Cannon

Cannon also said he saw similarities between Obama's environmental policies and those of the Canadian government.

"We feel that this could eventually lead to a North American approach to the environment as well as finding ways to … reduce greenhouse gases," Cannon said. **REUTERS**

Murder of prominent Mississauga resident shocks city

SHOOTING Slain realtor Susan Ryan will leave a gaping hole in the community, says the president of Mississauga's real estate board.

Ryan, 57, who was president of the board in 2006, was shot to death Sunday.

Her husband Lawrence Kenneth Ryan, 58, a retired Toronto police officer, is charged with second-degree murder.

"She was an amazing lady who did so much for this city," said Lynne Kent, current board president.

"We're reeling from it. We're all in shock … Every single second of her life was spent taking care of other people. That's a rare breed."

Larry Ryan made two brief appearances in court yesterday.

An autopsy is planned today. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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On charisma, it's Iggy's game

NationalReport

With the election of Barack Obama, the politics of charisma is back. Charm, eloquence, inspiration — all those things our federal leaders lack and all those things the Liberals should be looking for when they choose a successor to their well-meaning taxidermist, Stéphane Dion.

Charisma is having a commanding presence. It's a combination of physical and intellectual sparkle. The example of John F. Kennedy — elegant look, illuminating mind — is often cited. You'd never see JFK in cargo pants. And his thoughts went beyond the banal. How about, this being Remembrance Day, his words on war? "War will exist until that distant day," he said, "when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today."

He said that in 1945. We haven't made much progress. We celebrate, as we should, our warriors. Not so, the objectors.

In the charisma sweepstakes, Pierre Trudeau was a worthy Kennedy successor. Ronald Reagan had the engaging presence, but with regards to his mental equipment, there were doubts. "You could walk through his deepest thoughts," said one congressman, "without getting your feet wet."

For our current Canadian leaders, the word most frequently employed is wooden. Stephen Harper, Jack Layton and Dion are all knowledgeable and intelligent men. But they lack presence and their level of oratorical eloquence best befits a city council. Reading their speeches is like wading through glue.

Is there any hope out there, anyone capable of stirring our masses? The closest to having the right stuff when charisma comes calling is probably Michael Ignatieff. He has the lean and savvy and worldly look, intellectual credentials by the barrel, a voice with timbre and, as the author of several books, a feel for uplifting language.

In his first Liberal leadership bid, he made rookie mistakes that hurt him. Even so, he still led all others on the first ballot. The new leadership fight promises, like the first, to feature him and Bob Rae as the favourites. Rae has some charismatic credentials of his own. He is articulate and polished and suffers from no lack of erudition.

But Michael Ignatieff is the fresher face and has a bearing that provides that rare combination of radiance and gravitas. If, in the Obama era, the Liberals are looking for the charismatic candidate to contrast a stolid prime minister, he will be their choice.

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Views

No use blaming the Internet

By CHRISTINE WILLIAMS

The media has long played the scapegoat as a major player in youth afflictions, from early sexualization and eating disorders to violence and video game addiction.

Truth be told, back in the good ol' days, vices also slithered their way into society, long before the evolution of the media. The liquor dispensing saloons of the roaring '20s were linked to prostitution and alcohol abuse led to the Prohibition movement. As for the hippie movement of the '60s — with all the sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll — what some folks did back then, well, it's enough to make you blush.

Every era presents new challenges, where choices for recreation can prove deleterious, depending on the responsibility level of the participant. Today's youth are bombarded with entertainment and communication devices that literally follow them around in their pocket every minute of the day, providing a temporary fix for loneliness and boredom. The great escape from life's annoying trials is at the touch of a button or two.

Christine Williams

When 15-year-old Brandon Crisp from Barrie, Ont., disappeared Thanksgiving Monday after his parents confiscated his Xbox, we were all left stupefied. His disappearance led to massive search efforts and re-ignited debates about Internet addiction and whether it should be seen as a medical condition. His parents were concerned that he had lost touch with reality and feared that he was lured by an online predator.

In and of itself, the Internet is a neutral technology. We know that any obsessive, addictive behaviour is a warning sign of a much deeper issue. Psychologists warn that these issues elude many parents. Like any addiction, it becomes a self-medication and a clever way to enshroud a host of insecurities and fears behind a world of fantastic illusion.

It will behoove parents to trust themselves in their role as teachers, not friends. Children need guidance, attention and a listening ear. Even if they choose to test their powers by throwing tantrums, they'll get over it once they realize their wiles are futile. The only other choice is to sweep a potentially hazardous problem under the rug and hope on your child's future — and safety — that it will go away by itself. It's the easier way, but pretty risky. Many of today's parents are stressed to the limit and can't cope either. In this case, perhaps it's time to re-evaluate priorities and seek help for yourself first.

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Peru offers bald dog to Obama family
Peruvians crazy about their national dog, a bald and often toothless breed popular among Incan kings, offered yesterday to send a hypoallergenic puppy to the Obama family. U.S. President-elect Barack Obama promised daughters Malia, 10, and Sasha, 7, a new pet for the White House, but Malia is allergic to most breeds. REUTERS

World/Business

Obama visits White House

President-elect Barack Obama visited the White House yesterday for his first post-election meeting with President Bush, a strikingly symbolic moment in the transition of power.

ERIC DRAPER/REUTERS

U.S. President George W. Bush and President-elect Barack Obama meet in the Oval Office of the White House yesterday.

The president and first lady Laura Bush greeted the newly elected president and his wife, Michelle, with smiles and handshakes, even as Obama's advisers reviewed some of Bush's executive orders with an eye to reversing them after he is sworn in Jan. 20.

The two men met privately in the Oval Office for over an hour in talks thought to have encompassed the global financial crisis, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and other daunting challenges the Republican president will bequeath to his Democratic successor.

Obama, 47, had repeatedly attacked Bush's "failed policies" on the campaign trail, and the Illinois senator swept to power on a theme of change — specifically, change from the unpopular president's approach to economics and foreign affairs.

Obama's aides say after taking office he will likely move quickly to roll back Bush's executive orders that limit stem cell research and expand oil and gas drilling in some areas.

At the end of a two-hour visit, Bush and Obama had nothing to say to reporters and both camps were mostly tight-lipped.

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino would only say domestic and international issues were discussed and Bush "again pledged a smooth transition."

Obama spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter said the leaders agreed on the need to cooperate in the changeover "in light of the nation's many critical economic and security challenges."

Newly elected presidents traditionally visit the White House between election and inauguration, but usually wait longer than Obama did. He came calling at Bush's invitation after only six days, underscoring a sense of urgency in the transition.

It will be the first wartime transfer of power in four decades and comes amid economic upheaval at home and abroad.

Underscoring Obama's assertion he will not act as a shadow president during the transition, an aide confirmed what the White House had been saying — that he will not attend a global financial summit in Washington on Nov. 14- 15. REUTERS

Fewer jokes?

• U.S. President-elect Barack Obama's historic victory does not bode well for comedians who have thrived on jokes about President George W. Bush, experts say. Whether because he was the favourite of left-leaning comics, the historic nature of his election or that so far he has made few gaffes, comedians are finding little to joke about so far.

NASA loses contact with Mars lander

SPACE The Phoenix Mars Lander, which made history by finding definitive proof of water on the Red Planet, has lost contact with Earth, effectively ending its more than five-month mission, NASA said yesterday.

The robotic probe had been expected to stop communicating with its Earth-bound handlers as it slowly froze to death with the onset of Martian winter, but its sudden end came after a dust storm cut off even more energy-giving sunlight from the spacecraft.

> **"We are ... declaring an end to operations."**
> Barry Goldstein

Phoenix, which touched down at the north pole of Mars in late May, transmitted its last signal to Earth Nov. 2 and project scientists said they would try for three more weeks to contact the lander, but considered the $475 million mission essentially over.

"We are actually ceasing operations, declaring an end to operations at this point," Barry Goldstein, Phoenix mission project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., told reporters at a briefing.

"We'll constantly turn on the radio and try to hail Phoenix and see if it's alive, but at this point nobody on the team has any expectations of that happening," he said. REUTERS

Search for school survivors ending

HAITI Rescuers at a collapsed school in Haiti are ending the hunt for survivors and will soon demolish the remains of the building, where at least 87 people were killed.

"Rescue workers and experts are making the last check to be certain there is nobody alive under the debris," Nadia Lochard, civil protection director for Haiti's west department, said Sunday. REUTERS

News in brief

MIDEAST A fuel shortage forced the Gaza Strip's main power station to shut down yesterday, leaving about half the residents of the Hamas-controlled Palestinian territory without electricity, a power plant official said.

BRAND An annual country branding index designed to track travel trends had Canada rising to second place in the list of countries with the best brand reputations after coming sixth last year. Australia came first.

GITMO Five human rights groups urged European governments yesterday to accept Guantanamo prisoners who cannot be sent home for fear of persecution, while a sixth called for Obama to shut the prison the day he takes office.

RESEARCH Stem-cell advocates and researchers are eagerly awaiting the moment next year when president-elect Barack Obama rescinds a directive that limits federal funding of human embryonic stem-cell research. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Business

BCE injunction rejected

PRIVATIZATION A Canadian court has struck down a move by a group of BCE Inc. shareholders to get an injunction to stop the company's $34.8-billion buyout by a group of private-equity investors, the company said yesterday.

The shareholders wanted to stop the deal until their claims seeking the payment of BCE's second- and third-quarter common dividends are resolved. BCE had halted the payouts as part of its efforts to close the buyout.

BCE said in a statement that the Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench had rejected the request for an injunction, which was made in connection with a lawsuit filed on Oct. 27.

Aside from claiming the dividends should be paid, the plaintiffs are also suing for damages.

BCE is being taken private by a group of investors led by the Ontario Teachers Pension Plan. The Montreal-based company said the claims for dividend payment and damages "are completely without merit" and that it plans to defend them vigorously. REUTERS

Stocks rise

• BCE shares were up 30 Canadian cents at $37.58 on the Toronto Stock Exchange yesterday.

Court protects Circuit City

THE SOURCE InterTAN Canada, Circuit City Stores Inc.'s Canadian operation, yesterday was granted creditor protection by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

InterTAN, which operates or licenses 772 electronics stores and dealer outlets in the country under the banner The Source by Circuit City, appeared before the court hours after its U.S.-based parent company and 17 affiliates filed for Chapter 11 protection from creditors in Richmond, Va.

Under the court agreement, the stores will stay open and fully staffed and the company will continue to pay its employees.

Circuit City filed one week after saying it would close 155 stores, or more than a fifth of its retail base, and eliminate 17 per cent of its U.S. work force.

In a court filing yesterday, InterTAN said it had assets of $218.6 million, including $148.1 million of inventory, $50 million of current accounts and notes receivables, and $5.8 million in cash. REUTERS

Credit

• Circuit City's filing terminated InterTAN's credit facilities, the filing showed.

Oil prices fall despite Saudi cutbacks

MARKETS Oil prices tumbled more than $2 to near $60 a barrel as a firmer dollar and renewed gloom over the global economy wiped away the brief euphoria that greeted Beijing's $600 billion stimulus plan.

News yesterday that Saudi Arabia had cut oil sales to major customers in Asia and Europe also failed to turn the tide on a market that has shed 60 per cent of its value since hitting a record high $147 a barrel in July as the dawning of a global recession depresses demand from both consumers and investors.

U.S. light, sweet crude for December delivery fell $1.91 or three per cent to $60.50 a barrel. REUTERS

Business in brief

HOUSING Canadian housing starts fell by a milder-than-expected 3.1 per cent last month from a year earlier, while new home prices unexpectedly rose in September.

AIG The U.S. government restructured its bailout of American International Group Inc., raising the package to a record $150 billion with easier terms. REUTERS

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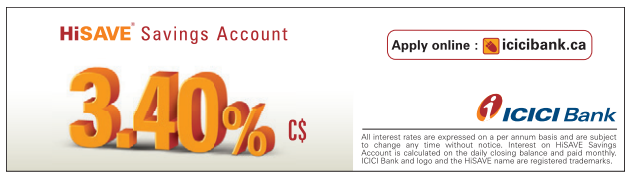

Keeping more of your severance

MoneyMatters

Henry Choo Chong

Q Recently, I was laid off from work. I've been with this company since graduating high school some 24 years ago. The severance package, although not the best in my industry, it was generous under the circumstances. However, this one-time amount puts me in the highest income bracket. How can I keep more in my pocket? Ken

A As a general strategy, anyone who receives a severance package should talk to human resources staff or their own financial advisor for help maximizing the after-tax package.

One specific strategy — for folks who receive retirement allowances without vested rights in an employer-sponsored pension plan — is that they may qualify to transfer into a special RRSP above and beyond their normal RRSP deduction limit. Here are few further tips:

- Contribute the maximum RRSP deduction.
- Transfer the maximum eligible amount to the retirement allowance.
- Negotiate with the company to split severance over more than one year.
- Talk to your accountant for more tax planning ideas.

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Dividing the dinner bill

SmartCookies

Have you been invited to a friend's birthday celebration lately that involved a "birthday dinner" out on the town? And at the end of dinner, the person who opted for the lobster bisque and the finest bottle of wine suggested that everyone should just split the bill? You, of course, wanted to contribute to the guest of honour's meal. But why should you be stuck with covering everyone else's indulgences when your bill only came to $30? Here's how to deal with the situation while maintaining some class:

Get a separate bill

Quietly pull the waiter aside on your own to explain that you would like a separate bill. If anyone at the table gives you a look when the bill comes, explain that you thought it would be easier to have your own since you were worried you might have to slip out early and didn't want anyone to get stuck with your tab. Aren't you considerate?

Buddy up

If you can't get a separate bill, then at least buddy up. Have you ever noticed that people order much more than what everyone can eat and there is always food left on the table at the end of the night? Try curbing the ordering process by teaming up your order with someone else. A good excuse to order fewer dishes could be to bring up leaving room for dessert. It is safe to bet that not everyone will get dessert anyway.

Skip the entrée

Eat ahead of time and show up fashionably late for cocktails and dessert.

Order your own drink

If an expensive bottle of wine is ordered, be sure that you order your own distinct cocktail (preferably the one on special!) that way everyone at the table can clearly see that you don't owe for the pricey vino.

Don't pick up the bill

Do not be a hero. If the dreaded bill-division discussion is just too much for you to handle, you may be tempted to cover the entire bill. Let's be clear — there's no need for you to cover the entire bill! Smart Cookies are all for generosity, but let's be real. These are your friends and you don't need to impress them by throwing down your nearly maxed-out Visa. Who are you fooling!? Chances are your friends want you to enjoy their celebration, not break out in a sweat when the bill comes to the table. We bet if you show some interest in keeping the bill low there will be more than one sigh of relief at the table. Happy celebrating!

"Why should you be stuck with covering everyone else's indulgences when your bill only came to $30?"

Tune in Wednesday night at 9 p.m. EST/PST on the W Network and be sure to visit smartcookies.com for more tips.

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Allan Small

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As we age, one of the greatest oral health challenges many of us face is **gum disease**. It is one of the most common problems faced by adults, yet **many people are not even aware that they have it.**

The problem is that **it is painless and very slow to progress.** Many people only become aware of it when they are close to losing their teeth. Our goal is to prevent you from getting to that point.

There are two types of gum disease you should be aware of: **gingivitis and periodontitis. Gingivitis** refers to inflammation of the gums. Those who have it may notice that their gums become puffy or change colour, or they may see blood on their toothbrush after brushing.

Periodontitis is more serious as it is associated with loss of teeth. Warning signs of periodontitis include: gums that change in colour, are red around the teeth, that bleed when brushed or are shiny or sore. Other signs include persistent bad breath, loose or sensitive teeth, increased spacing between teeth or even a receding gum line.

If you think you are experiencing any of the symptoms described above, contact your dentist. S/He will be able to determine if the teeth in question can be saved. Hopefully, your gums will not have progressed to that point and, with proper care, it will be possible to restore the health of your gums.

Healthy Habits Lead to Healthy Lives
Dr. Wayne Perron
Dental Surgeon

The **first step to restoring that health** will be taken by your dentist. It will consist of **a professional cleaning.** Your dentist will make sure that any tartar that has built up around the gum line is removed. Then, you may find that you are responsible for most of the rest of the necessary care.

It will be up to you to make sure you **brush and floss** regularly. If you are uncertain as to a proper brushing or flossing technique, ask your dentist.

Eating a well-balanced diet is also important. Healthy food choices are not only good for your waist line. They can also be very good for your gum line! So keep away from sugary foods as much as possible.

Inspect your gums regularly. Look for some of the symptoms we have discussed as warning signs about gum disease.Contact your dentist if you observe any of those signs.

Finally, **avoid smoking and chewing tobacco.** Nicotine does more harm to your gums than you may know. Consider this one more reason to quite smoking!

Thereafter, it is vital that you **visit your dentist regularly.** If you follow these tips, you may avoid the gum disease that can steal your natural teeth. And the longer you keep your own teeth, the better!

Finally, on this Remembrance Day, there is one more thing you can do for all of us …**wear a poppy!** It is an important gesture to honour the sacrifices of the many brave men and women who have served or continue to serve our country. We would like to honour all of our veterans for their sacrifice.

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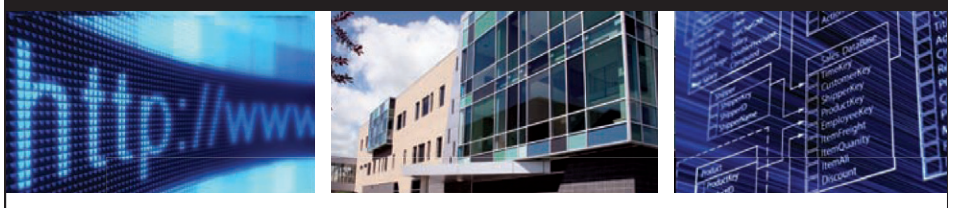

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Second NHL team in Toronto worth $600 million?
According to a report in the Globe and Mail, a second NHL team in Toronto could be worth up to $600 million, and Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment would likely be entitled to a territorial payment of approximately $250 million if an existing team relocated to the area. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

Longoria, Soto top rookies

Evan Longoria of the Tampa Bay Rays, left, won the American League Rookie of the Year award yesterday by unanimous vote, and the Cubs' Geovany Soto, right, ran away with the National League honour. Longoria becomes the AL's first unanimous winner since Nomar Garciaparra in 1997, while Soto received 31 of 32 first-place votes, the other going to Cincinnati's Joey Votto, a Toronto native. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Canadians clean up at WSOP

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I'm still not quite willing to classify poker as a sport, but it *is* televised on prominent all-sports networks and it *does* have a huge following — in fact, more North Americans watch poker than, say, hockey — so let's devote some space here today to this remarkable bit of news: A Toronto accountant has won more than $2.4 million U.S. at the World Series of Poker.

Darus Suharto, 39, left the final table in Las Vegas in the wee hours yesterday morning with a sixth-place finish and a cheque for $2,412,510 US. He beat out more than 6,835 opponents who had entered the World Series.

Not a shabby result for an $80 investment by Suharto in an online tournament last spring. Suharto grinded his way against unfathomable odds to reach the final table in Vegas on the weekend.

He was elated yesterday, of course, and, while not calling himself an athlete, he certainly called poker a sport.

"It's the only sport that gives regular people the chance to become a top sportsman," Suharto said. "When I first started playing, I wasn't very good at all, but I quickly learned by practising (at www.pokerstars.com) and I became more conservative in my play. This has been the ride of a lifetime." Suharto was born in Indonesia before earning a master's degree in business at the University of Arkansas.

Darus Suharto of Toronto walked away with $2,412,510 for finishing sixth at the WSOP in Las Vegas yesterday.

He moved to Canada to work for Deloitte and Touche and became a certified public accountant through York University. He began playing poker for fun in college, but only started playing competitively in 2005, primarily as an online player.

Yesterday morning, Suharto was subdued at the final table when he moved all in and his ace-eight was called by poker professional Scott Montgomery, another Canadian. A graduate of the University of Waterloo, Montgomery defeated Suharto with an ace-queen. Montgomery wound up with a fifth-place finish and a cheque for $3,096,768 US.

Suharto, incidentally, is paying off his mortgage with his winnings and plans to set up an education scholarship. He isn't quitting his day job, though.

- The Blue Jays hope the president of the Washington Nationals becomes their new president. Stan Kasten, who also has presided over the Atlanta Braves, Atlanta Hawks and Atlanta Thrashers, is atop the list to replace the Jays' interim prez, Paul Beeston. Sources spotted Jays lawyer Gord Kirke meeting with Kasten in New Orleans on the weekend.
- The Montreal Alouettes and Calgary Stampeders both have been established as six-point favourites for their division finals this weekend. The Als will entertain the Edmonton Eskimos. The B.C. Lions visit Calgary.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Sports in brief

NHL Montreal Canadiens forward Tom Kostopoulos has been suspended for three games for a hit on Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Mike Van Ryn, the NHL said yesterday. Kostopoulos slammed Van Ryn from behind during the first period of Saturday's game. Van Ryn will be sidelined for up to six weeks after breaking a finger on his left hand and being concussed. **REUTERS**

NHL Matt Holliday appears headed to the Oakland Athletics. Sources familiar with the proposed deal said yesterday the A's and the Colorado Rockies have reached a tentative agreement.

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Reality TV a lesson in human nature

We watch reality shows to learn a bit about others — and ourselves, professor says

BRIAN TOWIE
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Entranced by what seems to be lousy television? There's more to reality shows than just the drama, says Fernando Andacht. The University of Ottawa communications professor says viewers are drawn to the lives of contestants to learn about others and themselves.

You can learn a lot from reality television, not just the fact that we love to watch lousy shows.

Just ask Fernando Andacht, a professor in the University of Ottawa's communication department. The expert in semiotic theory applied to media analysis is planning to do a socio-semiotic study of reality television shows to get a better idea of human behaviour in North America and how people react to given situations.

Andacht agrees contestants or "characters" for such shows are screened for certain traits like sex appeal and confrontational natures. But while such situations are contrived in the interests of making more sensational television, the participants' initial reactions to these situations are not: A facial tick, a subtle gesture, or an ever-so-slight rise in the voice are all open windows into how different personalities deal with different situations.

"To assume these people are normal is a mistake. It's not the average person who gives up their privacy in this way," says Andacht. "But on these shows, there is no time or space for rehearsal. There is no backstage. In spite of the best intentions to contrive, the body will speak. You cannot fake blushing, for example. You cannot get rid of body language. It makes the mask very close to the reality."

It's not a new subject for Andacht: In 2003, the professor published an analysis on human behaviour based on the Brazilian, Argentine and Spanish versions of the reality franchise Big Brother. The cultural difference was significant, he said.

While the Brazilian participants had a more of a propensity to air their grievances on the spot, Spanish and Argentine contestants kept their complaints to the show's confessionals.

But the viewer interest across cultures remained the same, the reason for which Andacht calls the Index Appeal. Whether they realize it or not, viewers tune in not just for voyeuristic purposes, but to learn about themselves.

"Is it rubbish programming? Of course," he said. "But people observe it with great attention. They don't do it because they're stupid, but because they want to learn about themselves. As a viewer, you're part of it too. It comes very natural to people to ask, 'What would I do in this case?' They see that the concerns are real and they ask questions about themselves."

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Fernando Andacht

In brief

CAMPUS EQUITY Date rape, poor wheelchair access and professor prejudices against international students.

The first-hand tales of minority, aboriginal, disabled, female and gay and lesbian students and professors at the University of Western Ontario — which has a reputation as an elite white "country club" campus — feeling insulted or ignored form the heart of a powerful new documentary released by Western yesterday.

The 55-minute film Voices of Diversity is an unusually bold admission of the challenges posed by diversity in all academic institutions, and about how the ivy-draped campus must do more to make all its students feel welcome.

The women's caucus that commissioned the film intended to use Western as a microcosm of all Canadian universities, to address "the need for change on campus."

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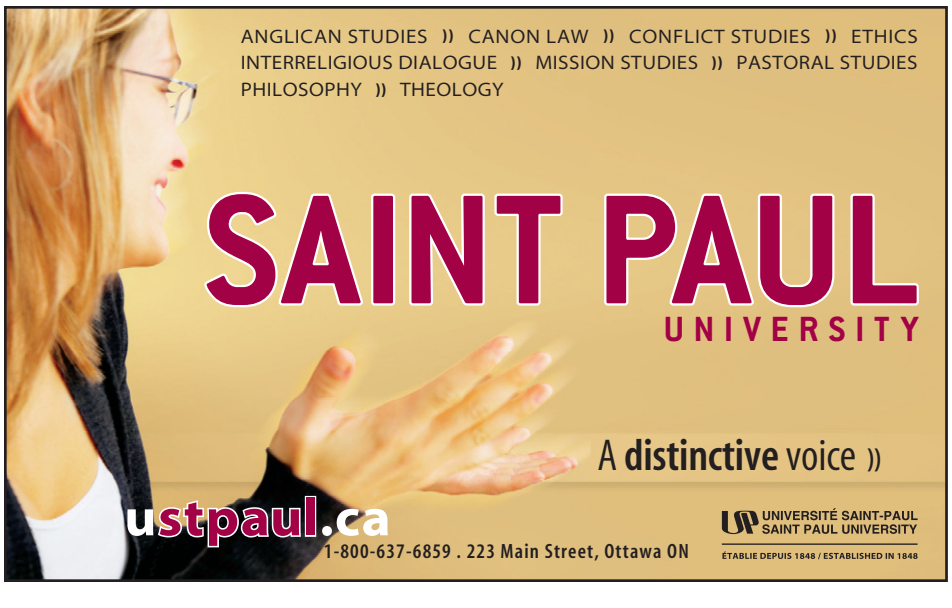

Biz skills tested in student challenge

TAGHREED SAADEH
for Metro Canada

COMPETITION Niagara College will host 400 students and faculty from Ontario colleges Nov. 13 and 14, for the 29th Ontario Colleges Marketing Competition.

Justin Larsen, a participant from Niagara College, will attend for the second time this year. "My initial attraction to this competition was the opportunity to build my resume," he said.

"This desire was also fuelled by the opportunity to put my skills up against the best in Ontario," he added.

"Competing against 400 of the top marketing students in Ontario was quite an honour and bringing home a gold medal was the icing on the cake," Larsen said.

"I now have the ability to go hunting with the confidence to say I have what it takes; this can go a long way in interview scenarios ... My hope this year is to build on what I had done last year."

Savvy students

- The Ontario Colleges Marketing Competition event is held annually to challenge marketing students from across Ontario to show their analytical and professional presentation abilities.

The competition bars students from competing in the same discipline two years in a row, so Larsen is learning to diversify and apply his skills in a new competitive field.

"This will give me a chance to adapt the skills I developed last year to the scenarios I will face this year," Larsen said.

Last year, he placed first in the direct marketing scenario, and this year he will compete in entrepreneurship, sales management, and integrated marketing communications as well as the sales presentation.

"I take the role of a Yahoo account executive in attempt to sell a large advertising program to Canadian Tire," he said. "This makes for a heavy work load, but also greatly increases my chance for medals."

"Our hope at Niagara this year as the host school (is) to be able to build on the event from last year, creating a truly memorable experience for all those involved," Larsen said.

"The Niagara College School of Business is committed to providing our future business leaders with this kind of real world experience when they are participating in business scenarios, benefiting from the judging, and coaching of business professionals," said Beth Pett, co-ordinator, B.A. Marketing from Niagara College.

Lung cancer gene identified
An international research team has identified two genetic variations that appear to increase a person's risk of developing lung cancer by up to 60 per cent, they reported recently. REUTERS

Health

Web makes men happiest: Poll

For men, bliss is often just a mouse-click away while quality time with family is guaranteed to put a smile on women's faces, according to an Australian study of what makes people happy. The "Happiness Index" study, which polled more than 8,500 Australians aged 18 to 64 years, showed rest and relaxation were the most enjoyable activities while physical exercise was least likely to make people happy. REUTERS

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Reducing war trauma

New treatment may dull soldiers' horrific memories: Study

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On Remembrance Day, let's remember our war veterans, and hope a new treatment can help our soldiers forget.

Military personnel who experienced terror and horror are often traumatized by what they saw. They can suffer from flashbacks, nightmares, anger, depression and drug and alcohol abuse. It has been estimated that at least 10 per cent of soldiers returning from Afghanistan suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). This illness is as old as war itself, but it has had different labels in different eras; during the Second World War it was referred to as "shell shock."

Soldiers and others with PTSD may be helped by a new treatment that dulls traumatic memories. Research by McGill University neuroscientist Dr. Karim Nader on how memory works has turned traditional thinking on its head. It used to be thought that memories are stored and fixed in the brain. But Dr. Nader has found that memories are not perfect, and they can be dulled.

He discovered that when a person recalls a memory, that memory becomes unstored in the brain and later gets re-stored as long-term memory. But it can be modified in the process. Treatment can actually turn down the emotional strength of the memory by blocking that part of the brain from re-storing it. The memories are still there, but the person is able to remember them without extreme pain.

In a recent trial, Dr. Nader and colleagues gave blood pressure medication propranolol or placebo to 19 subjects with PTSD after they remembered in detail their traumatic event. A week later they were asked to recall in detail the horror. Those who had received the medication were not as affected physically by the memory as those who had received only placebo.

The study was published in the May 2008 issue of the Journal of Psychiatric Research.

Study results

- Canadian researchers are now on the third set of studies on trauma victims using the drug propranolol, a beta-blocker used by millions around the world to treat high blood pressure. Results from one study show a 50 per cent decrease in symptoms.

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Soldiers and others with PTSD may be helped by a new treatment that dulls traumatic memories.

And the sex survey says...

Honesty and sex go together like Vaseline and latex, Josey says.

According to a recent survey, when faced with the issue of erectile dysfunction, only 43 per cent of Canadian couples said they talked to their partner about the issue, 12 per cent said they talked to their physician and 27 per cent said they didn't talk to anyone.

We may be unable to share our most intimate sexual secrets with our partners, but we seem more than willing to expose ourselves publicly.

In the last week alone, I discovered that one in four women would date a man 15 years older, 80 per cent of married couples in America occasionally sleep apart because of snoring and that, given the choice between an extra hour of sleep or an extra hour of sex, most Canadian men want the sex and women want the sleep.

Recent research also revealed that the average woman spends three times more time with her computer every day than she spends with her significant other, most overweight American women have more sex than their skinny counterparts, redhead college girls are eight per cent more likely to have a threesome than blond or brunette college girls, students with tattoos prefer missionary position over cowgirl, and vegetarians enjoy giving oral sex 2.5 times more than carnivores. Who knew?

Given the uselessness of much of this information, why the obsession with everybody else's sex lives? I suspect it's our way of seeing if we're keeping up with the Joneses, exercising our voyeuristic tendencies ("I just wanna peek at what the Joneses are doing"), and gauging whether or not we are sexually "normal."

The big problem with all of this inquisitiveness, of course, is that honesty and sex go together like Vaseline and latex. We lie about it, brag about it, or, at best, are seriously deluded. To wit: In one survey, 31 per cent of men who live with a woman said their partner usually or always performs oral sex while only 15 per cent of the women said they always or usually do the deed. Someone's fibbin'.

In my personal experience, sex surveys are most practical and fun when used to conduct your own private bedroom poll. Having a hard time getting your partner to communicate about sex? Survey them. It's the modern way to spill your guts.

Josey Vogels is a sex and relationship columnist and author of five books on the subjects. For more info, visit joseyvogels.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DEPRESSION RESEARCH

Psychiatrists at the Ottawa Psychopharmacology Clinic are currently conducting a research study of an investigational medication treatment for depression. The purpose of the study is to further our knowledge about the treatment of depression. Treatment duration is approximately 8 weeks and includes a physical exam, blood tests and a psychiatric interview. A 52 week extension of continuing treatment will be offered to those completing the study and eligible for extension. All information provided will be treated in strictest confidence. To volunteer, you must be 18-70 of age, not currently in psychiatric treatment (unless you are being referred by your treating doctor), have no significant drug or alcohol problems and be in generally good physical health.

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Kidman could play transsexual

Nicole Kidman is in talks to play the world's first post-op transsexual. The actress is in negotiations to play Einar Wegener opposite Charlize Theron in The Danish Girl. **IMDB.COM**

Entertainment

Long life

Justin Long has signed up to appear in After.Life alongside Christina Ricci and Liam Neeson. He is to star as Ricci's character's boyfriend in the dark thriller.

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Rock band Coldplay.

Coldplay wins big at World Music Awards

MUSIC British band Coldplay was crowned the world's top-selling act of 2008 at the World Music Awards (WMAs) in Monaco.

Their album Viva La Vida or Death and All His Friends topped charts in the U.S., Britain, Japan, Germany, France and elsewhere.

Sales apparently benefited from Coldplay's marketing strategy, including giving away the first single free over the Internet and staging a series of free concerts before going on tour.

Close honoured for her work

PEOPLE The Hollywood Reporter is honouring actress Glenn Close for her contributions to entertainment when the newspaper unveils its widely-watched list of powerful women in show business next month. Close, 61, will be given the award on Dec. 5 when The Hollywood Reporter's Power 100: Women in Entertainment is revealed.

Miller wins suit against tabloids

PEOPLE Actress Sienna Miller has been awarded $55,250 US in damages from two tabloid newspapers after they agreed on an out-of-court settlement over claims they had breached her privacy.

Miller sued the Sun and News of the World papers over a series of what her lawyer said were intrusive articles and photos. **REUTERS**

Guitar hero rages on

Tom Morello shows softer side in role as The Nightwatchman

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

The Fabled City, the second studio album by The Nightwatchman, the alter ego of Tom Morello, is now available in stores.

Tom Morello's Nightwatchman project bridges generations, both on record and backstage.

After playing with Rage Against the Machine, the guitarist is hanging out with older folk heroes like Billy Bragg, Steve Earle, and Shooter Jennings (who sings on The Iron Wheel, a song on the new Nightwatchman album The Fabled City). Morello said those softer-sounding — but no less powerful — musicians taught him how to connect to an audience without the benefit of a loud rock band or radio hits.

"(My audience is generally) 18 to 22-year-old Rage and Audioslave fans who want to see what I'm doing," said Morello. "When I was touring with Billy Bragg, the audience had no idea who I was, and their average age was 50. It was a real challenge — to them, I was just another guy on the bill."

Known for his innovative guitar work and progressive politics, as the Nightwatchman Morello works to capture the spirit of folk music on softer, singalong tracks like Whatever It Takes and Gone Like Rain.

Dressed in a black cap, shirt, jeans and boots, he uses religious imagery and acoustic instruments to build solidarity among listeners.

"The first thing I always try to do with Rage, Audioslave, or the Nightwatchman, is to write a great song. But I also know a spoonful of sugar makes medicine go down — no one wants to listen to a college lecture set to music," he said.

"The Clash, the Pogues, and Woody Guthrie — (those musicians) are all able to create solidarity in room with music … Music, when done right, feels like the truth."

After experiencing the energy of 80,000 people shouting "F--k you, I won't do what you tell me" at Rage Against the Machine concerts, Morello understands the power of musical catharsis. But unlike Rage singer Zach de la Rocha's angry polemics, his songs blend stories of everyday struggles with religious allegories inspired by liberal theologians like Bishop Desmond Tutu. This choice of material is an interesting one, given the knee-jerk connection some fans may make between Christianity and right-wing politics.

"Nightwatchman is a more intimate connection … It's definitely a darker part of psyche and soul — definitely a part of me that believes in retribution." Tom Morello

"(Rage shows are) like standing in the eye of a hurricane (while) Nightwatchman is a more intimate connection … It's definitely a darker part of psyche and soul — definitely a part of me that believes in retribution," he said.

"I was raised Catholic, and for my first 13 years went to mass every Sunday … I felt a resonance with the stories (told there) and how they relate to social justice."

Smith to star in Spielberg project
Will Smith is reportedly set to star in Steven Spielberg's new movie. The actor is in talks to sign up to appear in the director's remake of Chan Wook Park's Oldboy, a film which was originally released in 2003. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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"The urban jungle drives life at high speed. Switch gears. Create your space. Moments of stillness do exist within the chaos — find them."
Lydia Macintosh, Toronto

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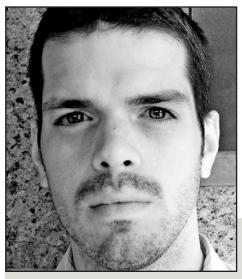

"The combination of fog and night creates a photo-op ... The driver had walked away leaving the tram idling, the fog was beautifully soupy, the pavement glistening ... everything was perfect."
Joel Charlebois, Toronto

Midnight Tram to Humber

Metro's Global Photo Challenge has drawn 3,890 entries from Toronto, Ottawa, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Halifax, and 55,389 international entries. The Top 10 photos are on display at the CN Tower in Toronto till Nov. 16. Vote for your favourite shot online at **metronews.ca/photochallenge** until Nov. 23. An international jury will judge the Top 5 photos, and the winner will receive a Nikon D700 DSLR & Nikon 24-70mm F2.8 zoom lens. The photos above are details of the entries. Visit the website to see the full images.

Banks' stock rising in Hollywood

Actress starring in a trifecta of releases

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News

You'd think Elizabeth Banks planned the blitzkrieg of press she's gotten lately.

In four weeks, almost as many films have been released in which she's played a prominent role, but the rising star pleads innocent to any master plan.

"It's not my fault that they're all coming out at the same time," she says, laughing. "It was not my plan at all."

With W. and Zack and Miri Make a Porno under her belt, the final release in this trifecta is Role Models, about slackers who are forced to enroll in a Big Brother program. Though Banks plays a supporting role as girlfriend to energy drink salesman Paul Rudd, she's happy to take a backseat.

"Everything I (improvised) got cut, which is fine because frankly it's not a love story," she says. "I never complain when something gets cut and the story is better (for it). The story is definitely better, and (doing the film) was really just an opportunity to hang out with friends and help out (director) David Wain."

Despite such a sudden rise in profile, Banks is a Hollywood veteran with over 10 years spent on screen; her first big break was in another Wain film, the cult classic comedy Wet Hot American Summer.

"I auditioned for the lead role, (but writer-directors) David Wain and Michael Showalter thought I was too pretty," says Banks. "It was kind of a backhanded compliment. They like pretty, funny women just like everybody."

Clearly aware of her potential for success, one can't be blamed for viewing her previous roles in Seabiscuit, the Spider-Man trilogy and a recurring role on Scrubs as strategically placed rungs on her climb to the top.

Now that she's up there, though, the view doesn't look that unfamiliar — Banks says it feels like the beginning all over again.

"In that regard, it's really exciting," she says effusively. "I'm certainly a newcomer to having my name above the title, that's for sure."

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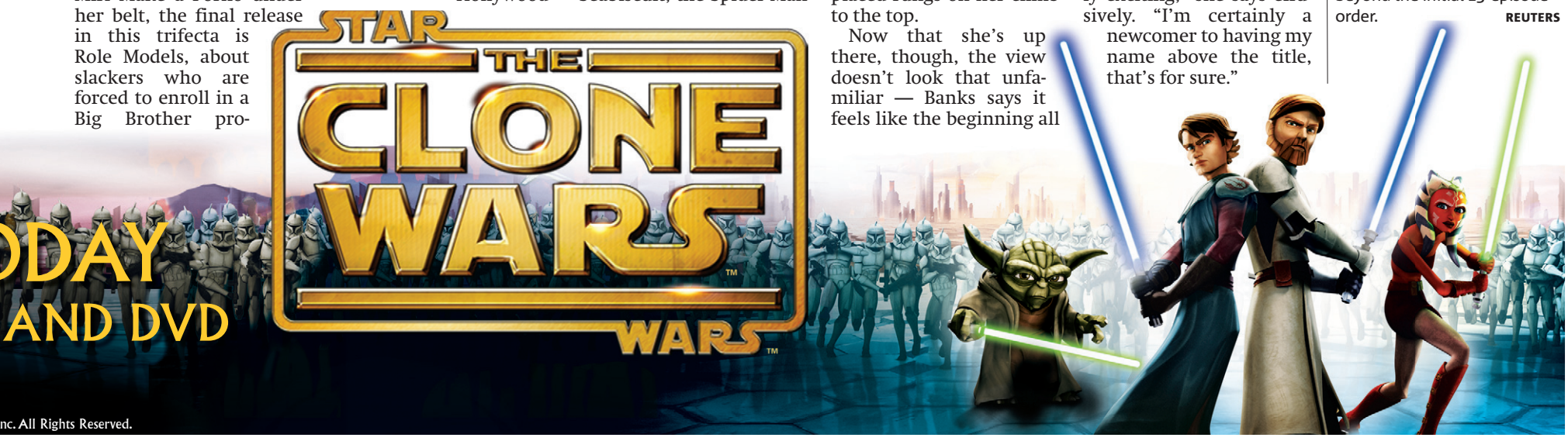
Elizabeth Banks is starring in three movies this fall.

In brief

MOVIES Jurassic Park III director Joe Johnston has signed a deal to bring the Marvel comic-book hero Captain America to the big screen. First Avenger: Captain America is scheduled for release in 2011 through Marvel Studios.

INTERNET YouTube, the largest video-sharing website, will show full-length television shows and films from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's archives in its latest step to boost advertising revenue by adding professional programming, the company said.

TELEVISION NBC's struggling drama Knight Rider is undergoing a major retooling, bringing it closer to the original series. Among the changes, the options of three regulars on the show were not picked up beyond the initial 13-episode order. REUTERS



McAvoy nominated

James McAvoy, left, is among the stars nominated for this year's European Film Awards. McAvoy has received a nod in the best European actor category for his role in 2007's Atonement. The awards ceremony will take place in Copenhagen on Dec. 6. IMDB.COM

Affleck, Alba taking on Killer roles

FILM Casey Affleck and Jessica Alba are teaming with director Michael Winterbottom for The Killer Inside Me, an adaptation of a novel from noir author Jim Thompson.

The story follows a West Texas sheriff (Affleck) and his downward spiral from a boring small-town cop into a ruthless, sociopathic murderer. Alba plays a prostitute. A mid-January start date is being eyed. The novel was made into a 1976 film starring Stacy Keach. REUTERS

Rock updates Death at a Funeral

FILM Chris Rock will produce, co-write and star in an urban reworking of the 2007 British comedy Death at a Funeral. The remake will center on a funeral that devolves into a debacle of misplaced cadavers, indecent exposure and family secrets. The cast will be primarily black.

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Chris Rock

The original film, directed by Frank Oz, grossed $46.5 million worldwide, including $8.5 million in North America. It was produced for about $9 million US through Sidney Kimmel Entertainment, which is partnering with Sony's mid-budget Screen Gems label on the remake.

The producers are looking for a director for the project, which is planned to start production in the spring. REUTERS

The word on Girls' Rights

JIM REYNO
Metro Canada

It's a mock talk show with girl talk, informative and fun. And the 411 Initiative For Change is taking it to the schools.

TAMARA DAWIT

The cast of Girls' Rights are Human Rights Too includes rappers Masia One, left and Eternia, right and singer George Nozuka.

"We actually spoof the idea that it's the Tyra Banks show, or The Hour on CBC, and we present it as a television talk-show format," 411 executive director Tamara Dawit said about the program to raise awareness about female issues and empower young women.

"We have pre-taped clips and we have artists who are live guests in the studio."

The program, Girls' Rights Are Human Rights Too, is touring high schools this month. It was created with the children's developmental organization Plan Canada to explore issues such as education, gender equality, violence against women and child labour.

One of the guests on the program is singer George Nozuka, who is releasing a documentary Nov. 25 about child slavery in Haiti, titled Artist at Work. He says there are more than 170,000 child slaves in Haiti, and that many of them are physically and sexually abused.

"I think it's important for kids in general to know about what's going on around the world," Nozuka said. "In a country where our children and our kids are being taken care of, and in a country where the government is taking care of the people, I think it's important to shed some light on the countries where the government isn't taking care of the people."

Female rappers Eternia and Masia One are also part of the program, and help portray positive images of girls.

411, a national youth-led not-for-profit organization, and has been touring schools for 10 years. Dawit said the girls-rights theme was a natural fit this year because Plan Canada is participating in Plan International's campaign addressing the same thing.

Plus, there's been a demand for it. "We touch on a lot of social issues, and we always try to include information specific to young women and girls," said Dawit, a founding member of 411.

"We've had a lot of feedback from schools and from teachers saying they'd really like to see a program looking at issues that impact girls specifically."

DVD picks

Planet of the Apes 40th anniversary collector's edition (Blu-ray)

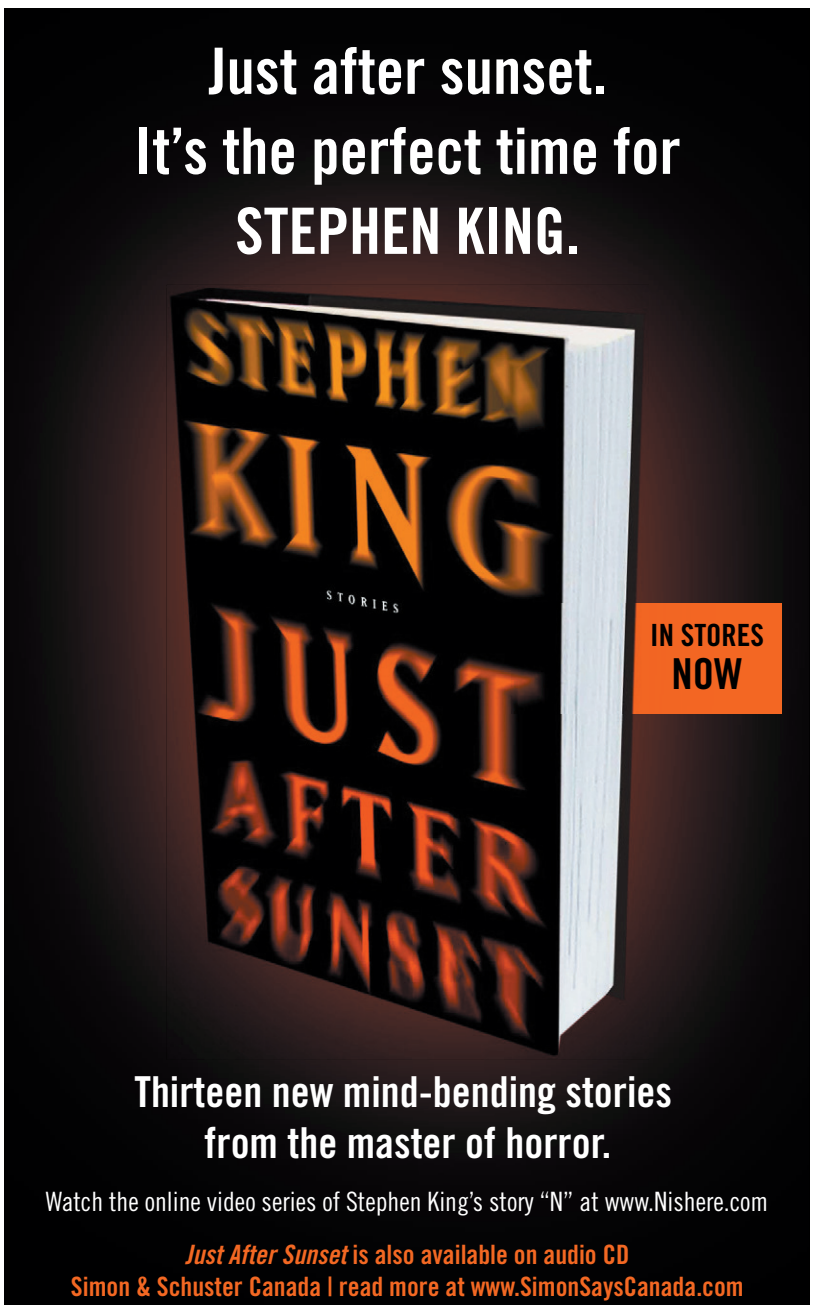
Director: Various

AS A SCI-FI franchise second only to Star Wars in impact and influence, the five Planet of the Apes features have been repackaged almost as often as George Lucas' cash cow. Past sets include a 2006 "ultimate" set wrapped in a plastic ape's head that had a tendency to topple off DVD shelves.

But we're in the high-definition era now, and home theatre buffs who want their Apes to be all aces will want this 40th anniversary Blu-ray collection. Not just for the upgrade in sound and vision — those "damned dirty apes" really leap off the screen — but also for the accompanying hardcover book, which does a very nice job of summarizing and backgrounding this confusing series.

There's just one essential movie in the franchise, and that's the 1968 original Planet of the Apes, which stars Charlton Heston as a misanthropic astronaut who ironically finds himself having to defend humanity, when an interstellar voyage sends him yonder where talking apes abuse mute people as slaves. Co-written by Rod Serling, the script brilliantly aped the era's social unrest.

As far as extras, there are many more in this box than anybody needs, but there are worse ways to spend a Sunday afternoon. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES



Spelling returns to Smallville
Actress Tori Spelling, right, has reportedly finalized a deal to return to Smallville as Daily Planet's gossip columnist Linda Lake. The character was first introduced in a January 2007 episode. EW.COM

HBO searching for a hit

IntelleVision

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Anna Paquin, left, and Stephen Moyer are shown in a scene from True Blood, one of the few hit shows on HBO.

HBOVERCOME: The channel that once claimed that it was more than just television is probably desperate to just be TV again, after more than two years of being the home of a few ambitious failures and one loving satire of its own creative ecosystem that could probably have found a home on any other network.

I'm talking about HBO, of course, whose creative and ratings doldrums are underlined rather neatly this week by the release of the complete Sopranos box set for the holiday DVD market. Things aren't entirely bleak at HBO these days — True Blood has given some luster to their ratings, and allowed network executives to walk a bit more upright at parties with their friends from Showtime and AMC, since they're not just the home of Entourage anymore, or the people who need Flight Of The Conchords to stake out their "indie cred" — something they didn't need when Sopranos and Sex And The City were still in production.

HBO has a whole nine new pilots in production right now, according to a story in the Los Angeles Times, a fusillade of new shows that they're hoping will hit Sunday primetime — the network's night, historically — with at least one indelible bang.

"It will be a survival of what they consider the fittest," said Alan Taylor, who has directed episodes of all of HBO's landmark hits. "You'd rather be their only one, but fair enough, if you have to sort of win your place."

Taylor's new project is Bored To Death, a film noir comedy starring Ted Danson and Jason Schwartzman, which will be competing for oxygen with a period drama directed by Martin Scorsese (Boardwalk Empire), Treme, a New Orleans story from Wire creator David Simon, and Hung, a black comedy from Dmitry Lipkin, whose The Riches was recently denied a third season by FX. Also coming from the network is The Wonderful Maladys, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar, and titles such as Last Of The Ninth, Suburban Shootout, Washingtonienne and How To Make It In America. There might be a Sopranos in the lot — a Mad Men, maybe — but at least one of them will be John From Cincinnati all over again.

REMEMBER: All the networks here will be carrying the cenotaph ceremonies today, but it's History Television who owns Remembrance Week, with shows like the second season of Finding The Fallen, an archaeology/reality hybrid that starts out with a bone fragment or belt buckle, and pulls out to tell the story of an orphan who was relocated to an Ontario farm only to die in the trenches, or the man who died along with his horse during one of the last cavalry charges in modern warfare. Starts tonight at 8 p.m. EST.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Musical star gears up for Free Style

CASTING High School Musical star Corbin Bleu is riding to theaters in February with Free Style, a drama about a man determined to win a spot on the Grand National motocross racing team.

Bleu

Penelope Ann Miller costars as his mother, Madison Pettis as his younger sister, and Sandra Echeverria as his girlfriend. Also in the cast are Bleu's real-life father, David Reivers, and 2007 U.S. Open Supercross Champion, Grant Langston. REUTERS

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Show seeks a few good, tall, women

TV Do you want to be on top — in Canada?

Canada's Next Top Model is looking for the next catwalk queen. The search for competitors is on for the third season of the reality show, which will air on CTV in 2009. Ten ladies will compete for a grand prize that includes a $100,000 beauty contract.

Applicants must be female, between 18-23 (as of Jan. 30), Canadian citizens and/or permanent residents, and at least 5-feet-8 in height. Participants must also be prepared to spend five weeks away from home and must not be locked into a current contract. For details go to model.ctv.ca.

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GlobalStyle

Rapper 88-Keys explains his loyalty to Polo Ralph Lauren, exclusively at metronews.ca/globalstyle.

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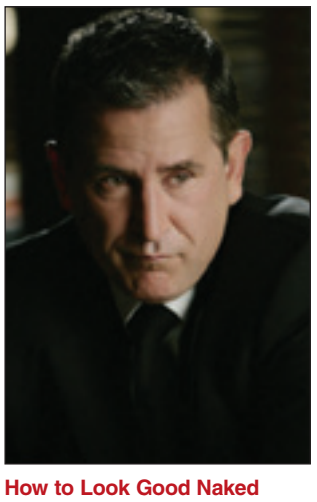
critics' corner

Without a Trace
In "Live to Regret," the team tries to locate a missing bank manager who forecloses on people's homes and discovers a deep, dark secret that may be related to her disappearance after an argument with a mysterious man. Let's hope she was FDIC insured. Meanwhile, Jack (Anthony LaPaglia) is reinstated as the head of the department, so everything should be right with the world. Right? 10 PM on 13 CBS



How to Look Good Naked
Naked twins! Sounds like every straight man's fantasy, but like every installment of this series, this new episode is about confidence, not titilation. Stylist Gok Wan and his team work with a pair of sisters who have very different body images — even though they share very similar bodies. It's double the fun when they learn to dress, show off and carry themselves proudly — flaws and all. 10 PM on 62 W

Moore's Bond boycott
Former 007 star Roger Moore has reportedly boycotted showbiz gossip sites since discovering he was at the bottom of a poll on the most popular James Bond. **IMDB.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Winehouse protects fortune

MONEY Amy Winehouse has reportedly called in lawyers to protect her fortune from husband Blake Fielder-Civil, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Winehouse's father Mitch is believed to have had a secret meeting with legal experts to find a way to keep her estimated earnings safe if she decides to divorce Fielder-Civil, who was released from prison last week.

A source close to the singer said discussions were "productive."

"There was panic in her team that Blake could get access to Amy's money," the source added. "This cannot be allowed to happen. Mitch is leading the way but Amy is fully aware of what is happening."

Fielder-Civil is at the Life Works Community rehab centre in Surrey, England, where he is being treated for drug addiction. He has not seen his wife since he was released from prison.

"I don't know if I want to be with him. Everything has changed," Winehouse was reportedly recently quoted as saying.

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Carey to keep baby news hush-hush

CHILDREN Mariah Carey has hinted she'll keep any baby news secret if she becomes pregnant with husband Nick Cannon's child, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer wed rapper/actor Cannon in April after a whirlwind romance. And she admits it was only after falling for Cannon that she reconsidered having kids.

"I've changed my mind because I am with The One," she says. "I think we would make good parents, and that we'd be able to figure everything out together."

But Carey insists she is in no rush to start a family, and will just take things as they come.

"People are constantly asking me if I'm pregnant, but I don't like to talk about it too much," she adds. "I just think about it as the next phase. We'll see."

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Don't ask Justin about marriage plans

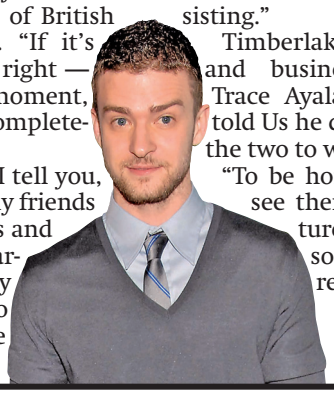
RELATIONSHIP Don't ask Justin Timberlake if he's planning on marrying actress Jessica Biel, usmagazine.com reports.

When reporters recently asked the singer whether there were "any wedding bells" in his future, Timberlake replied, "Now that's a dumb question."

Timberlake's girlfriend Biel recently said she's on the fence about "marriage and kids."

"I feel like, if it's an organic way for me and the right time in my life, then, yeah," she says in the December issue of British Marie Claire. "If it's right, it'll be right — but, at this moment, that seems completely foreign."

She adds, "I tell you, I have so many friends having babies and getting married, and they just want to put me where they are so we can go to nursery together and stuff. I'm like, 'Noooooo!' I'm resisting."



Timberlake's friend and business partner Trace Ayala previously told Us he didn't expect the two to wed soon.

"To be honest, I don't see them in the future, but I hope so," he said. "I really do."

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Lauren who?

CELEBRITY Imagine if a celebrity's name got called in an airport, and nobody cared. That's what happened to The Hills star Lauren Conrad, TMZ.com reports. Conrad was recently at JFK airport in New York when an airline attendant called out her name. Conrad "pitched a fit," a source tells the New York Post, "and was almost driven to tears because she thought people would start talking to her and bother her." In the end, "no one even cared," the source says.

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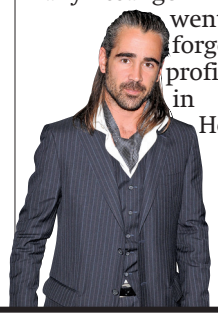
Farrell glad he failed audition

CAREER Actor Colin Farrell is glad he failed an audition for Irish pop group Boyzone, because he wouldn't have "lasted too long" in the band, imdb.com reports. Farrell tried out for the boyband in the '90s while he was a struggling actor in Ireland, but he was rejected for his lack of vocal talent.

Boyzone went on to score a string of chart successes in the United Kingdom, returning last year for a reunion tour. Farrell eventually landed a role in British drama series Ballykissangel in 1998 and went on to forge a high-profile career in Hollywood.



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Lohan bisexual? 'Maybe. Yeah'

SEXUALITY Actress Lindsay Lohan has told a magazine she may be bisexual, imdb.com reports.

Lohan has been romantically linked to DJ Samantha Ronson since they were spotted canoodling at a party in Cannes, France earlier this year.

Lohan has refused to confirm their relationship, and has also dodged questions about her sexuality. But in an interview with Harper's Bazaar magazine, Lohan is asked whether she is bisexual and answers, "Maybe. Yeah."

However, Lohan is adamant that she is not a lesbian, giving journalists an emphatic "No" when asked, according to New York gossip column PageSix.com.

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Schreiber favours Craig's Bond

CELEBRITY Actor Liev Schreiber has named Daniel Craig as the best James Bond ever, imdb.com reports.

Schreiber stars alongside Craig in the forthcoming World War II drama Defiance, and he is full of praise for his colleague, insisting his portrayal of 007 far outstrips that of other actors including Sir Sean Connery and Pierce Brosnan.

"He is the best Bond ever in my opinion," Schreiber says. Schreiber admits he was pleasantly shocked to find out how warm and friendly Craig was on-set. "I was surprised by how generous he was and how open he was and how kind he was to me. I didn't expect that, I sort of expected the steely grin of 007," Schreiber adds.

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Ritchie's dad 'pleased' about divorce

DIVORCE Guy Ritchie's father is "pleased" his son's marriage to Madonna is over, because the moviemaker is much happier without the pop superstar, imdb.com reports.

The former couple is in the middle of divorce proceedings, after announcing plans to separate last month.

"He has been in a very good mood," Ritchie's father, John, says of his son. "I wasn't upset that they parted. I am very pleased for Guy that it is all over."

John Ritchie is reportedly convinced Guy will not let Madonna take their children back to her native America from England.

Madonna and Ritchie are set to fight for custody of their son Rocco, 8, David, 3, and Madonna's 12-year-old daughter, Lourdes, from a previous relationship.

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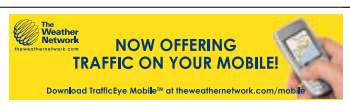

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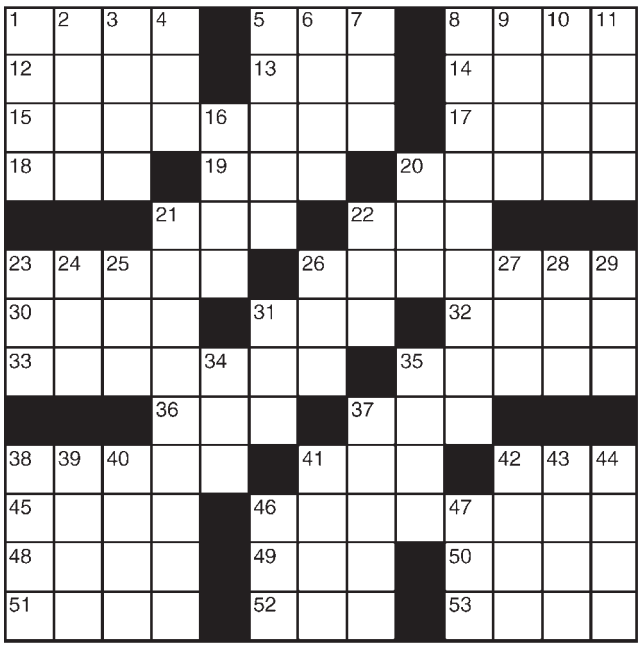

Crossword across

1 Type of machine
5 Corpulent
8 Ocean motion
12 Former larva
13 — de Janeiro
14 Caspian feeder
15 Height
17 Roller coaster, for one
18 Greek consonants
19 That guy's
20 — salts
21 Cambridge sch.
22 "How — love thee?"
23 Big parties
26 Whodunit
30 Enthusiastic
31 Coloration
32 1997 Peter Fonda role
33 Passed the time idly
35 Tends texts
36 Descartes' conclusion
37 Consumed
38 Wagons
41 Winter ailment
42 Binge
45 Stead
46 Seclusion
48 Sahara-like
49 Acapulco gold
50 Dutch cheese
51 Unit of force
52 Firmament
53 Male turkeys

Crossword down

1 Unwanted e-mail
2 Humdinger
3 Makes up one's mind
4 Mai — (cocktail)
5 Still-life subject, often
6 Helps
7 Placekicker's pride
8 Depravity
9 Rainbow
10 Pedestal part
11 Preceding H.S.
16 Anything but that
20 Dawn goddess
21 Importance
22 Go blonde
23 Woman
24 Past
25 Reed or Rawls
26 Pie ingredient?
27 Inventor Whitney
28 Pensioned (Abbr.)
29 "Undoubtedly"
31 Haw's partner
34 Petrol
35 Needle case
37 Mixed metal
38 Dressed
39 Ethereal
40 Check
41 Motorist's choice
42 Martial art
43 Leading man?
44 Lapidary's wares
46 Brillo rival
47 Asian holiday

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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	5		1			6	2	
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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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U	T	A	H	■	U	S	A	■	S	A	N	D		
R	A	N	T	■	P	O	D	■	■	H	E	S		

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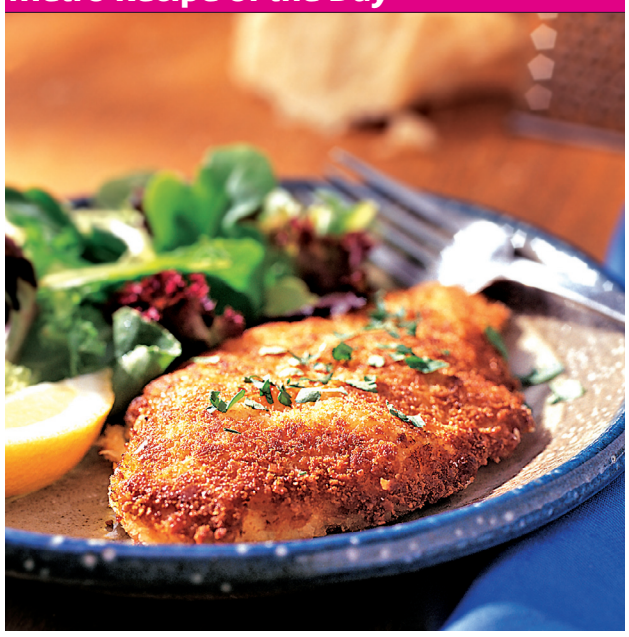
6	2	7	5	3	8	9	4	1
7	1	4	6	9	3	2	8	5
3	5	6	2	8	4	1	7	9
9	8	2	1	5	7	6	3	4
8	7	1	3	6	9	4	5	2
2	6	9	8	4	5	7	1	3
5	4	3	7	1	2	8	9	6

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Parmesan-Crusted Chicken Cutlets

INGREDIENTS:
4 slices firm-textured white bread
1/2 cup (125 mL) grated Parmesan cheese
2 eggs lightly beaten with 1 tbsp (15 mL) water
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 1 1/2 lb/250 g), pounded to 1/2-inch (1-cm) thickness
3 tbsp (45 mL) olive oil
4 lemon wedges

METHOD:
1. In food processor, whirl bread to fine crumbs. Transfer to shallow bowl. Place Parmesan in second bowl and egg mixture in third. Dip chicken first in Parmesan, pressing cheese into chicken. Then dip chicken in egg and finally in breadcrumbs, pressing crumbs into chicken. Place on plate and refrigerate uncovered 30 minutes or up to 4 hours.
2. In large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add chicken and sauté 5 minutes per side or until golden brown and cooked through. Serve with lemon wedges.

IN A HURRY?
Omit the chilling time in step 1 and go straight to step 2, but use a nonstick skillet and be careful when turning cutlets so breading does not fall off.

PER SERVING
378 calories, 12 g total fat, 4 g saturated fat, 16 g carbohydrate, 213 mg cholesterol, 49 g protein, 481 mg sodium

SERVES 4

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to **rd.ca** or check out **Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!**

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A predicament developed during the night. Absurd ideas won't make something manifest. Stubbornness could cause a rift in a friendship.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Gloom unsettles an important meeting. A beaming friend boasts about quenching fear. Don't force anyone to interfere with nature.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Wait for somebody who can't move quickly. Allow a nit-picker to win a fine point. Struggle to change a funny habit.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Find a way to understand a distant friend. Support comes from a powerful person. A get-together will boost your self-esteem.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Friends will gather around in reciprocal support. Beware suspicions that may backfire. Maintain your dignity in the face of antagonism.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Someone will make you look better. Stifle those who talk non-stop about love. An honest fellow says goodbye to the past.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A magnificent meeting will thrill you. A desirable partner makes you careless. Effective career moves can bring fresh prospects.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
It'll be easy to go to extremes. Tragic mistakes are made by a selfish man. A shameless woman is pulling somebody's leg.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You can't be a rescuer every day. You're in no mood to waste time. An unexpected chat reveals the reason for a strange request.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Time will outrun you when you lose focus. An alliance with a bold co-worker will satisfy you. Someone's confidence is ridiculous.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Try to find a miracle in your life. Tact works wonders when dealing with a delay. A step up in your status is due.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Visit a friend who has a swelled head. Confrontational words will be heard. You'll be elated when you find time to relax.

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1. Wabbit hunter Elmer's "threads" (1)
2. Say a benediction over a Hardy lass (1)
3. May insult by ignoring (1)
4. City-based wrapped headdress (2)
5. Tin cup holder's beer blasts (2)
6. Tribal war ceremony dog (2)
7. Transports Bing fruits by Staten Island boat (2)

ANSWERS
1. FUDDS DUDS 2. BLESS TESS 3. MIGHT SLIGHT 4. URBAN TURBAN 5. BEGGARS KEGGERS 6. POWWOW BOWWOW 7. FERRIES CHERRIES

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